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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS

On July 17, 1990 the committee for the 1990 P.L.W.A. Benefits, disbursed the monies made from those benefits. Below is a break down on which organizations received what amount of money, and how they are to use the money.

1.\$500.00 - Joe Clark (contractor) repair bathroom in the Lambda House.

2.\$1000.00 - S.C.A.P. money is to be used for AIDS patients ONLY.

3.\$243.00 - Quilt Fund / Children living with AIDS. from the Tracy and Roxie show.

4.\$2785.60 - Quilt Fund / \$478.56 is the 10% from the total P.L.W.A. Fund excluding the Tracy and Roxie Show, which was promised to go toward Children Living With AIDS. The rest goes into the general fund.

The remainder of the money from the 1990 P.L.W.A. Funds was used to pay the utilities at the Lambda House.(they have over \$300.00 credit at the utility company at this time.)

The P.L.W.A. Committee has been under fire from some "pitiful" self-righteous people in our community. It seems they like to sit around and make up stories about things they don't even have a clue what they are talking about. Do to their lack of consideration (once again) for their fellow man/woman, some hard working people were very hurt from the things said. After spending over 10 years helping our community in any way they were needed. (that does not mean sitting on a bar stool) And putting together the first and second Annual P.L.W.A. Benefit Shows, Barb and Cher have resigned from any future involvement with the P.L.W.A. Benefits. However, before they resigned, they incorporated eight members of different organizations in Southern Colorado to carry on the work that they have started.

This committee will be in charge of benefit fundraisers through-out the year, and will be responsible for disbursement of monies after the 1991 Annual P.L.W.A. Benefit Shows.

I pray that in the future people will keep their mouths shut until after they have the true facts. There are a lot of hard working people in this community who really care about us and want to help. How can they continue to help and support us, when we can't even trust and support them? **Think about it!**

David Eidson/Editor

AN AWAKE "NIGHT COURT"

A recent episode of NBC's NIGHT COURT ridiculed not lesbians, but anti-lesbians stereotypes.

A journalist is assigned to interview Harry, the judge. When prosecutor Dan Fielding learns the journalist is a lesbian, he's surprised, because he thought all lesbians wore flannel and looked like Pete Rose. The journalist responds that she thought she was coming to a courtroom--not a junior high school. In the end, Harry and Dan ask her not to tell anyone how stupidly they acted.

We need more programming poking fun at stereotypes, rather than glorifying them. Thank the producers, and suggest they add a recurring lesbian or gay character to counteract the overwhelmingly negative portrayals constantly popping up in other programs.

Write Stuart Kreisman and Chris Cluesf, Producers, Night Court, Warner Bros. Television, 4000 Warner Blvd., Building 7, Room 13, Burbank, CA 91522.

What Happened to SAFE SEX?

The audience chuckled, softly, warmly, on the screen, the men walked past each other, the bearded man turned around, then back, then the young man turned his head. They did it twice, then a third time, but out of synch and missed discovering their mutual attraction. The audience was in the privileged position: it knew the truth, these gay men were attracted to each other. Romance had caught our eye, and engaged our curiosity: what would happen next?

"Longtime Companion" jumps into Fire Island's maelstrom of sexuality, laces it with friendship, so the characters resemble people everybody knows. Stereotypes are presented and swiftly transcended. At tea dance, a masculine and feminine man play touchy-feely; only they aren't lovers, they're friends; chums finding the courage that will let Campbell Scott playing Willy, the young man, talk to Fuzzy (Stephen Caffrey), the bearded man he saw earlier. In perfectly natural fashion the barroom pick up turns into durable love.

The words "longtime companion" have two meanings: friend or lover. And the movie is about friends and lovers devastated by AIDS. Just as its scenes of cruising are accessible to straights and gays, so everybody can share in the grief from

these untimely deaths. Our common humanity is bared, no guilt-tripping or harping on self-destructive behavior. The disease kills lovely people; we want the disease to end and the sick to get well.

"Longtime Companion" is a historical presentation of gay life and AIDS in film. But it will be another movie that deals honestly with AIDS and gay sexuality that will inform about safe sex and sexual possibility during the epidemic. Clearly, when Willy says to Fuzzy "I wish AIDS would be over, so we can have sex again" his distress is real. But I longed for somebody to remind us that celibacy isn't the only choice.

(Nathan Riley/Community/Albany NY.)

From the President's Desk

It is once again election time for the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center. Our voting is scheduled for October 13th, 1990. At the City Auditorium (side entrance) from 10am - 2pm. This year President and Vice-President are the board positions open for voting. Anyone interested in running for either position please contact Ed or David as letters of intent will be published in the September edition of *Gayspeak*.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the community for giving me the chance to serve them in the capacity of president and wish the new president good luck. I will offer any help I can to make the transition smooth for the new board.

Sincerely,
Ed Sells/President/P.P.G.C.C.



(Left to right) Sean (Mark Lamos) and David (Bruce Davison) enjoy a weekend at the beach with their friends in *LONGTIME COMPANION*.



Pikes Peak Gay
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Col. Modesto

In late February, 1990, a Captain in the US Army, Cpt. Robin R. Kerr, was arrested for soliciting sex from an undercover agent in a park restroom at Fort Carson, Co. In exchange for a discharge from the military without a court-martial, he agreed to turn in everyone he knew in the military who was gay. He provided approximately 20 names and accompanied an undercover agent to Colorado Springs gay bars to identify individuals. As a result a number of gay men and lesbian women were apprehended. Some were administratively discharged. One Air Force Captain committed suicide after he was implicated in this investigation.

One of these accused individuals was Col. Edward L. Modesto, an oral surgeon stationed at Fort Carson. He was arrested March 26th and charged with nine counts of homosexual activity and conduct unbecoming an officer. On that date, a search warrant was executed for his house and his house was rummaged through every room. Many possessions of his lover were taken and are being used as evidence against him. Ed's lover has performed in drag on multiple occasions and a large number of drag clothes were seized. Ed also had performed in benefit shows in drag for the Lambda House (a residence for people with AIDS). During this search, civilian police were present and noted that in the area a series of incidents had occurred in which a male dressed in female clothing had been exposing himself in area laundromats. After noting the number of female clothes, two additional charges of indecent exposure were charged. No basis for these charges exists except for the presence and possession of female clothing and living near the laundromat where the incidents occurred.

After the search was over, Ed was restricted to Fort Carson for approximately 5 weeks. He was told repeatedly that he would be able to leave the post after his lover agreed to testify against him. When it became clear that this was not going to occur, his lover, Ron, was subpoenaed and made to testify for five hours. Immediately after this Ed was released.

Private letters were also seized during the general search. These were all read and in a few letters some reference was made to drugs. Based on these letters 4

drug use charges were levied. There has not been any drug use.

Twice Ed has been submitted to psychiatric evaluations since this began. Both have been normal but he was recently told that another one will be conducted.

A formal investigation was conducted in May by a military appointed investigating officer. This officer recommended dropping many of the charges, including the drug use charges and allowing Ed to resign from the military. These recommendations were forwarded to the Commanding General who elected to ignore the recommendation and sent all the charges to a court-martial and denied the request for a resignation. At the present time the resignation request is with the Department of the Army in Washington awaiting their final action.

Immediately after his arrest, Ed's privileges as an oral surgeon were suspended. He was told patients would not want a homosexual working on them because he might be HIV+. An HIV test was done with negative results but his privileges were never restored.

Since this started, he has been submitted to numerous sessions of humiliating interrogation. He was made to submit to a body search, which included a proctoscopic examination to uncover evidence of homosexual activity, tests for syphilis and gonorrhea, and a search for lice. All of the results were negative.

If convicted of all the charges, he faces a prison term of up to 74 years. At the present time, a court-martial date is set for September 10, 1990.

With the addition of the charges of indecent exposure and drug use, the military is able to move the focus away from the real issue - homosexuality. By ignoring the recommendations of their own investigating officer, they indicate the irrational view they take towards gays in the military.

We ask for any assistance possible, be it letters from the community to members of Congress, legal assistance or publicity. Perhaps by being united in this one case, we can prevent similar persecution of other servicemen and women.

Sincerely, Concerned friends.



Talk of the Town

C.G.R.A. IS ALIVE AND WELL!

We just survived another Rodeo. Those of you that were there, I'm sure had a great time. If for some reason you didn't and you have some suggestions. Please feel free to come to our meetings and let us know what you think we can do to make R.M.R. # 9 even better.

On August 25th, C.G.R.A. CoSprings, is having a membership drive party at the Exit. It will start at 7:00pm. Show at 9:00pm. Live entertainment and special guests. We will buy all dues current members and new members that join, a drink.

On August 26th, we have state elections. All C.G.R.A. members are eligible to vote. Elections will be held at Charlies at 7:00pm.

September 15th, C.G.R.A. CoSprings elections will be held. To vote in the elections of C.G.R.A. you must be a paid member 15 days prior to elections. Anyone wishing to run for office must be dues current 90 days prior to elections. If you wish to run for an office, Please let a Board member know. As a member we desperately need and want your vote and participation.

See you there, Stan Relaford/Corr. Secretary

Help Wanted: Volunteer Opportunities at The Center

Once again we are getting prepared for our Community Center Annual Membership Meeting (September 19th, 1990), which will be held at Sacred Heart School (on the corner of 21st street and Colorado Ave.) at 7:00pm. This meeting is designed to notify the members of the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center, who is running for offices in the up coming elections. Letters of intent will be read by all those intending to run for the vacant seats. The meeting is also dsigned to report to the members what the Center has planned for in the up-coming year. The financial report for the fiscal year 1990 will be reviewed.

The election this year is for the seats of President and Vice-President. However the Center is also in need of other help on the Board. We are looking for a person to coordinate the Speakers Bureau, and we

are in need of more support/social groups. If you are interested in any of these positions and would like more information, please contact either Ed Sells or myself through the helpline (471-4429).

Letters of intent must be presented the September 1990 meeting.

Please, please, come out and show some support for the Center, and the people who are devoting their time and money to support us, the Gay Community.

I would like to take this time to say thank you for allowing me to serve you as Vice-President this last year and a half. It has been very educational and fun. I have enjoyed the chance to meet and become friends with so many people in our community.

The Center has seen a lot of changes in the last 12 months, and I think we will see even more good changes in the months/years to come. Lets always try to remember that without the community there would be no need for a community center. Even if you do not have a need for the Center at this time. Please help us keep it strong for our brothers and sisters who do have a need.

A note on memberships, (did you really think you were going to get away with me not reminding you one more time?) To run for an office or to vote in the upcoming election you must be a paid member. Please check your membership cards and see when your membership expires. The dues are only \$6.00 per year. (thats only 50¢ a month) Please send in your checks to renew your membership as soon as possible. If you are not a member and would like to become one. Fill out the membership card on the back of this newsletter with a check for \$6.00 and I will send you your card in the mail.

Thanks again for a great year, and good luck to the new Vice-President.

Sincerely,

David Eidson/Vice-President/P.P.G.C.C.



Letters

Dear Editor,

Over a year and a half ago, I had an accident and while in the hospital they did a HIV test, which came back positive. As time has past, I have been seeing my doctor on a regular basis. Starting this year my T-count dropped and I needed to start AZT. One of the medications my insurance company WILL NOT COVER. This was not the best of news, with me still on partial disability from the accident.

I didn't know what to do - so I started making some phone calls to find out if I could receive any help. I started with the **National AIDS Hotline**. I was referred to a couple of other organizations before I was referred to **S.C.A.P.**, which was able to refer me to a program at the University of Colorado (in Denver) to help with my AZT. What made an impression on me was - all the organizations I called, told me to call back if I couldn't connect up with the people they referred me to.

I found out there is help for those who need it, as long as you go through the correct channels. We do not need to abuse the programs that so many people support, and are here to help. As cases of HIV and AIDS are coming to the surface in our community, lets look into all areas for assistance, and be responsible for ourselves, follow our doctors orders on food and alcoholic drinks. Lets get over the "YOU OWE ME" attitude and start helping ourselves. We got ourselves into this, and we can get ourselves out of this, we need to care enough to help ourselves, before we can ask someone else to care enough to help us.

Sincerely,
John Mark

HUMAN RELATIONS ORDINANCE FOR NON - DISCRIMINATION

The city of Colorado Springs is now ready for consideration and it is in the hands of the city lawer for legal language. It does not purposely include sexual orientation as a discriminating category.

There will be a public hearing on the ordinance in September (date not established). Gays and Lesbians should not be excluded from this protection against discrimination.

I will be working with anyone willing to expand the human relations Ordinance to add the Sexual Orientation category to the proposal.

Please leave your name and phone number with the helpline (471-4429).

Thank you for your time,
John C. Miller

Yvonne

of

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Downtown Colorado Springs

635-8422

This unlicensed rip-off of the popular Bart Simpson character got a Florida store in big trouble when a vacationing GLAAD/NY member found it. Following pressure from GLAAD, **The Weekly News** (a gay/lesbian paper in Florida), and 20th Century Fox (the actual license holder), the t-shirt was removed from the store and an apology issued.



THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER IS IN NEED OF FILE CABNETS. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE EITHER A TWO DRAWER OR FOUR DRAWER FILE CABNET PLEASE CONTACT DAVID EIDSON THROUGH THE HELPLINE 471-4429. WE WILL BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT ANY DONATIONS.

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Daily Sandwich Special

Ask your server for today's choice. Includes chips and pickle spear. \$4.50

Soup and 1/2 Sandwich

Includes cup of soup and one half sandwich. \$3.25

Salad and 1/2 Sandwich

Salad with your choice of dressing and one half sandwich. \$3.25

Soup and Salad Combination

Includes cup of soup, garden salad, roll and butter, choice of dressing. \$2.95

Side Orders

Home made soup, bowl \$2.00
Cup \$1.25

Garden Salad \$1.50

French fries, regular \$1.25
Large \$1.75

Dessert of the Day \$1.50

Beverages .75
10 coffee, feed tea, Hot tea, Soft Drinks

Cocktails, wine and a large selection of beer available.

Musket and Viceroy excepted.
Orders for go at no additional charge.
1/2 lb. or more, feed and cold 10¢



Dinner

Served 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Daily Special \$5.25

Ask your server.
Soup or salad, dinner roll and butter

New York Strip

10 oz. prime cut New York Strip, served with soup or salad, potato and vegetable, dinner bread and butter. \$8.50

Rib Eye Steak

Cooked to your preference. Served with soup or salad, potato and vegetable, dinner bread and butter. \$7.50

Broiled Breast of Chicken

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Prime Rib

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Hamburger and French Fries

1/3 lb. fresh ground hamburger, garnished with lettuce, tomato, onions and pickles. Served with fresh cut French fries. \$4.75

Sunday Brunch Noon-3:00 p.m.

Deluxe Chef's Salad

Garden fresh lettuce surrounded by Danish ham, roast beef, Swiss and American cheese, garnished with tomato and boiled egg wedges. Served with bread and butter, and your choice of home made salad dressings. \$4.25

Chef's Pasta Special

Ask your server for tonight's selection. Served with soup or salad, vegetable, dinner roll and butter. \$5.75

Side Orders

Home made soup, bowl \$2.00
Cup \$1.25

Garden Salad \$1.50

French fries, regular \$1.25
Large \$1.75

Dessert of the Day \$1.50

Beverages .75
10 coffee, feed tea, Hot tea, Soft Drinks

Wine & Beer

Cocktails, wine and a large selection of domestic and imported beers available.

Rocky Mountain White, Blush and Red \$6.50 bottle - \$1.50 glass

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Orders for go at no additional charge.

The United Court of the Rising Sun Empire

August 18th, 1990 is our final 14th reign Hide and Seek Show (10:30 & 12:00).

August 19th, we are hosting a Bake Sale and Farmers Market at the Exit Lounge from 1:00pm. - 4:00pm. Come on down and get some good buys on fresh produce, cakes, cookies, and home made baked bread.

The United Court will be co-sponsoring the annual Labor Day Marathon at the Hide and Seek. The kick off show will begin at 6:00pm on Sunday, September 2nd, and through the night and the next day until 12:00 midnight. There are a lot of fun things planned this year to keep you entertained. Please come out and support our local organizations that will be co-sponsoring this event with us.

Its time to mark your calendars- October 13th, 1990 will be the evening for Coronation XV. Lyda and I have a lot of fun surprises planned for you. Coronations in Southern Colorado are one of the largest events all year for our community. Don't miss it!!! Tickets will be on sale September 8th. Get yours before they run out !!

Thanks for your time,
The Mickey Mouse Emperor
Emperor XIV David Eidson

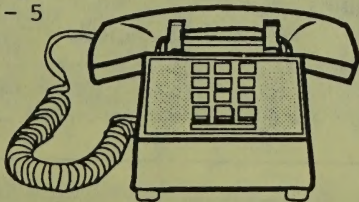
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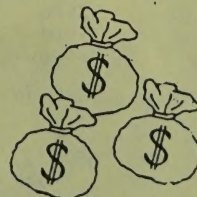
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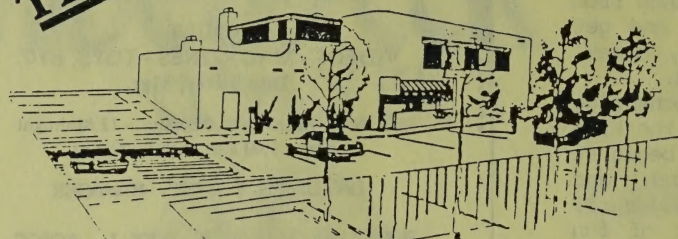
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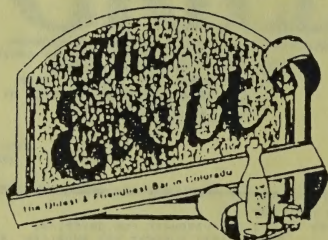
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